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**BY CM/ECF**

Honorable Gregory M. Sleet  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
for the District of Delaware  
844 King Street  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

**Re: United States v. Brown, Cr. A. No. 06-50-01 GMS**

Dear Chief Judge Sleet:

The government has reviewed defendant Brown's most recent *pro se* filing. D.I. 212. In sum, defendant Brown asks for new counsel, or to proceed *pro se*.

The government has communicated with defense counsel about the defendant's *pro se* motion. The government wishes to try this case on schedule; however, following that conversation, the government has regrettably concluded that a hearing is now required with respect to status of the defendant's representation and his request to proceed *pro se*. On the first point, the government is strongly of the view that current defense counsel should be retained either as counsel of record or, if the defendant proceeds *pro se*, as stand-by counsel. On the second point, the government believes that the Court must engage in a *Peppers* colloquy with the defendant with regard to proceeding *pro se*. See *United States v. Peppers*, 302 F.3d 120 (3d Cir. 2002).

Letter to the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet

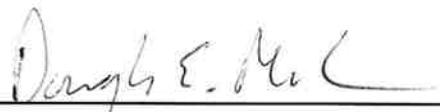
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The government respectfully requests that the Court set a hearing at its earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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